AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

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1-19 (cancelled).

20 (currently amended). A kit of parts comprising:

(a) a pharmaceutical formulation including a low molecular weight thrombin inhibitor, or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof, in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier; and

(b) a pharmaceutical formulation including a prodrug of a low molecular weight thrombin inhibitor, or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative of that prodrug, in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier,

which ~~components~~ formulations (a) and (b) are each provided in a form that is suitable for administration in conjunction with the other.

21 (currently amended). The kit of parts as claimed in Claim 20, wherein the prodrug of ~~component~~ formulation (b) is a prodrug of the thrombin inhibitor of ~~component~~ formulation (a).

22. (currently amended). The kit of parts as claimed in Claim 20, wherein ~~components~~ formulations (a) and (b) are suitable for sequential, separate or

simultaneous use in the treatment of a condition in which inhibition of thrombin is required or desired.

23 (previously presented). The kit of parts as claimed in Claim 22, wherein the condition is deep venous thrombosis.

24 (previously presented). The kit of parts as claimed in Claim 20, wherein the thrombin inhibitor is melagatran.

25 (previously presented). The kit of parts as claimed in Claim 24, wherein the prodrug is of the formula

R^1O_2C-CH_2-(*R*)Cgl-Aze-Pab-OH,

wherein R^1 represents linear or branched C_{1-6} alkyl and the OH group replaces one of the amidino hydrogens in Pab.

26 (previously presented). The kit of parts as claimed in Claim 25, wherein R^1 represents methyl, ethyl or propyl.

27 (previously presented). The kit of parts as claimed in Claim 25, wherein R^1 represents ethyl.

28 (previously presented). The kit of parts as claimed in Claim 20, 21, 24 or 27, wherein the formulation comprising thrombin inhibitor, or derivative thereof, is a parenteral formulation and that comprising the prodrug, or derivative thereof, is an oral formulation.

29 (currently amended). A method of making the kit of parts as defined in Claim 20, 21, 24 or 27, which method comprises bringing a ~~component~~ formulation (a) into association with a ~~component~~ formulation (b), thus rendering the two ~~components~~ formulations suitable for administration in conjunction with each other.

30 (currently amended). The kit of parts comprising:

(1) one of ~~components~~ formulations (a) and (b) as defined in Claim 20, 21, 24 or 27;

together with

(2) instructions to use ~~that component~~ said one formulation in conjunction with the other of the two ~~components~~ formulations (a) and (b).

31 (currently amended). A pharmaceutical formulation including:

(i) a low molecular weight thrombin inhibitor (or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof); and

(ii) a prodrug of a low molecular weight thrombin inhibitor (or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative of that prodrug), in admixture with

(iii) a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier.

32 (previously presented). A method of treatment of a condition in which inhibition of thrombin is required or desired, which comprises administration of:

(a) a pharmaceutical formulation including a low molecular weight thrombin inhibitor, or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof, in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier; in conjunction with

(b) a pharmaceutical formulation including a prodrug of a low molecular weight thrombin inhibitor, or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative of that prodrug, in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier,

to a patient suffering from, or susceptible to, such a condition in an effective amount and for a time and under conditions suitable for reducing the incidence of said condition.

33 (currently amended). The method as claimed in Claim 32 in which ~~t~~ the formulation (a) is administered prior to commencement of administration of formulation (b).

34 (previously presented). A method of treatment of a condition in which inhibition of thrombin is required or desired, which comprises administration of a formulation as defined in Claim 31 to a patient suffering from, or susceptible to, such a condition in an effective amount and for a time and under conditions suitable for reducing the incidence of said condition.

35 (previously presented). The method as claimed in Claim 32, wherein the condition is deep venous thrombosis.

36 (previously presented). The method as claimed in Claim 35, wherein the thrombosis results from surgery.

37 (previously presented). The method as claimed in Claim 36, wherein the surgery is gastrointestinal surgery or orthopedic surgery.

38 (previously presented). The method as claimed in Claim 36, wherein formulation (a) is administered parenterally prior to or after surgery and formulation (b) is administered orally following that surgery.

39 (previously presented). The method as claimed in Claim 36, wherein formulation (a) is administered parenterally prior to and after surgery and formulation (b) is administered orally following that surgery.

40 (previously presented). The method as claimed in Claim 32, 35, 36, 37, 38 or 39, wherein the thrombin inhibitor is melagatran.

41 (previously presented). A method of treatment of a condition in which inhibition of thrombin is required or desired, which comprises administration of:

(a) a pharmaceutical formulation including melagatran, or a pharmaceutically

acceptable derivative thereof, in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier; in conjunction with

(b) a pharmaceutical formulation including a prodrug of formula

R^1O_2C-CH_2-(*R*)Cgl-Aze-Pab-OH,

wherein R^1 represents linear or branched C_{1-6} alkyl and the OH group replaces one of the amidino hydrogens in Pab, or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative of that prodrug, in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier,

to a patient suffering from, or susceptible to, such a condition in an effective amount and for a time and under conditions suitable for reducing the incidence of said condition.

42 (previously presented). The method as claimed in Claim 41, wherein R^1 represents methyl, ethyl or propyl.

43 (previously presented). The method as claimed in Claim 41, wherein R^1 represents ethyl.

44 (previously presented). The method as claimed in Claim 32 wherein the prodrug of formulation (b) is a prodrug of the thrombin inhibitor of formulation (a).

45 (currently amended). The pharmaceutical formulation as claimed in Claim 31 wherein the prodrug component (ii) is a prodrug of the thrombin inhibitor component (i).

46 (previously presented). The pharmaceutical formulation as claimed in Claim 31 wherein the thrombin inhibitor is melagatran.

47 (previously presented). The pharmaceutical formulation as claimed in Claim 46 wherein the prodrug is of the formula

R^1O_2C-CH_2-(*R*)Cgl-Aze-Pab-OH,

wherein R^1 represents linear or branched C_{1-6} alkyl and the OH group replaces one of the amidino hydrogens in Pab.

48 (previously presented). The pharmaceutical formulation as claimed in Claim 47 wherein R^1 represents methyl, ethyl, or propyl.

49 (previously presented). The pharmaceutical formulation as claimed in Claim 47 wherein R^1 represents ethyl.

50 (currently amended). The method as claimed in claimed 34 wherein the prodrug component (ii) is a prodrug of the thrombin inhibitor component (i).

51 (previously presented). The method as claimed in Claim 34 wherein the condition is deep venous thrombosis.

52 (previously presented). The method as claimed in Claim 51 wherein the thrombosis results from surgery.

53 (previously presented). The method as claimed in Claim 52 wherein the surgery is gastrointestinal surgery or orthopedic surgery.

54 (previously presented). The method as claimed in Claim 34 wherein the thrombin inhibitor is melagatran.

55 (previously presented). The method according to Claim 34 wherein the thrombin inhibitor is melagatran, and the prodrug is of formula

R^1O_2C-CH_2-(*R*)Cgl-Aze-Pab-OH,

wherein R^1 represents linear or branched C_{1-6} alkyl and the OH group replaces one of the amdino hydrogens in Pab.

56 (previously presented). The method as claimed in Claim 55, wherein R^1 represents methyl, ethyl or propyl.

57 (previously presented). The method as claimed in Claim 55, wherein R^1 represents ethyl.